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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT, TITLE I PL 480 REGULATIONS

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1. REF AIRGRAM RECEIVED DAMASCUS 8/10/77. AGATT PITCHER HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH USDA ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS CONCEPT OF TOTAL LANDED COST AS RAISED BY FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION FOR CHEMICALS AND FOODSTUFFS (TAFCO) DIRGEN SALEM HADDAD ON THE OCCASION OF PURCHASING TITLE I PRICE IN JUNE 76 AND MAY 77. IN 76 TAFCO HAD TO PURCHASE PART TITLE I RICE QUANTITY AND ALL QUANTITY 77 AGREEMENT SHIPMENT WEST COAST AT HIGHER LANDED COST TO SYRIAN AS COMPARED TO US GULF SHIPMENT.

2. TO ILLUSTRATE ABOVE TAFCO DIRECTOR OF SUGAR AND STARCHY PRODUCTS DIV. HAMDI ABDUL RAHIM POINTED OUT TO AGATT ASSISTANT THAT DURING 5/17 TITLE I RICE TENDER SYRIAN RECEIVED FREIGHT OFFERS FROM GULF PORTS AT 20 DOLLARS PER MT LOWER THAN RATES FROM WEST COAST AND TOTAL LANDED COST SAVINGS WERE ESTIMATED AT 5-10 DOLLARS PER MT OR ECONOMIES OF UP TO \$300,000 ON PURCHASES OF ABOUT 30,000 MT RICE.

3. EMBASSY SUPPORTS PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

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